Average cost of urea manufactured in fertilizer exporting countries

3031. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the average cost of feedstock per million BTU for urea manufactured using Naphtha;

(b) the average cost of feedstock per million BTU for urea manufactured using Natural Gas;

(c) the average cost of feedstock per million BTU for urea manufactured in the fertilizer exporting countries;

(d) whether the average cost of feedstock per million BTU in the fertilizer exporting countries is lower than the cost incurred by domestic manufacturers; and

(e) if so, what steps Government are taking to make available feedstock at globally competitive rates to domestic manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The average cost of feedstock per million BTU for urea manufacturer using Naphtha and Natural Gas as feedstock by public/private sector in the country based on the prices being considered in the fixation of retention price of urea during the quarter October-December 1999 is given in Statement *(See* below).

(c) to (e) While average cost of feedstock per million BTU for urea manufactured in fertilizer exporting countries differ from country to country and the pricing details are not available, the energy cost in India for production of fertilizer is higher than that in the fertilizer exporting countries. It is estimated that energy cost in countries exporting fertilizer to India is around US$1 or even less per million BTU, which in India is higher. While natural gas is a non-tradable commodity in international market, naphtha, which is another major feedstock for the fertilizer sector, can be imported freely. The public sector oil companies under the administrative control of Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas as well as private sector companies are taking steps to set up projects with a view to promote availability of Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) in the country which is expected to be a cheaper and preferred feedstock in comparision to Naphtha. The core group of fertilizer sector companies has also

been directed to work on a detailed feasibility report for setting up of an integrated chain of LNG supply in the country.

Statement

(A) Naphtha Prices of Public/Private Sector Fertilizer Units

Sl.No.	Units	Cost per million BTU based on 1.12.1999 Prices (Rs.)
Private Sector		
1.	NFCLEXP	299
2.	DUNCAN	310
3.	SHRIRAM	315
4.	SPIC	304
5.	ZIL	345
Public Sector		
1.	FACT Cochin	316
2.	HFC-Barauni	300
3.	HFC-Durgapur	300
4.	IFFCO Phulpur	309
5.	MCFL	310
6.	MFL	307
7.	IFFCO Phulpur II	308

(B) Natural Gas Prices of Public/Private Fertilizer Units

Sl.No.	Units	Cost per million BTU based on 1.10.1999 Prices (Rs.)
Private Sector		
1.	CHAMBAL	119
2.	INDOGULF	122
3.	OSWAL	121
4.	NFCL	91
5.	TATA	121

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SI.No.	Units	Cost per million BTU based on 1.10.1999 Prices (Rs.)
Public Sector		
1.	GSFC	135
2.	HFC	28
3.	IFFCO-Aonla	121
4.	IFFCO-Aonla Exp	121
5.	JFFCO-KALOL	94
6.	KRIBHCO	94
7.	NFLVijaypur	121
8.	NFL-Vijapur Exp	121
9.	RCF-Thal	91
10.	RCF-TR-V	91

Complaints regarding less Weight of LPG Cylinders

† 3032. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that often there are complaints from different parts of the country regarding less weight of L.P.G. cylinders or having water in them;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking concrete and effective steps to check them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The LPG distributors are under instructions to check the correct weight of cylinders before they are delivered to the customers. Oil company officers also carry out random checks/ inspections of the distributors and suitable action against the distributors indulging in malpractice of supply of under weight cylinders are taken as per the distributorship agreement/ LPG Control Order.

Guidelines for Survival of Stand-Alone Refineries

3033. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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